

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 98-089-C - ORDER NO. 98-656  
AUGUST 27, 1998

IN RE: Application of Business Calling Plan, Inc. for ) ORDER  
a Certificate of Public Convenience and ) APPROVING  
Necessity to Provide Intrastate Resold ) CERTIFICATE  
Telecommunications Services within the State )  
of South Carolina and Request for Alternative )  
Regulation of its Business Service Offerings. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") by way of the Application of Business Calling Plan, Inc. requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to operate as a reseller of intrastate long distance telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina, and for alternative regulation of its business service offerings. The Company's Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280 (Supp. 1997) and the Regulations of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. At the time of the hearing Business Calling Plan, Inc. moved for approval of a name change to Corporate Calling Services, Inc. We hereby grant the motion. For the remainder of this Order, we will refer to Corporate Calling Services, Inc. ("Corporate" or "the Company").

The Commission's Executive Director instructed Corporate to publish, one time, a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of Corporate's Application and of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for

participation in the proceeding. Corporate complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. No Petitions to Intervene or Protests were filed.

A hearing was commenced on August 12, 1998 at 11:00 AM., in the Commission's Hearing Room. The Honorable Philip T. Bradley, Chairman, presided. Bonnie D. Shealy, Esquire, represented the Company. F. David Butler, General Counsel, represented the Commission Staff.

Robert Young, President of the Company, testified on behalf of Corporate's Application. The record reveals that Corporate is a privately held corporation organized under the laws of the State of Nevada, and is authorized to transact business in South Carolina as a foreign corporation by the South Carolina Secretary of State. According to Young, Corporate proposes to offer long distance services using resold transmission services of underlying carriers which are duly certified by the Commission. Young explained the Company's request for authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina as a reseller. The record reveals the Company's services, operations and marketing procedures.

Young also explained that Corporate possesses the technical, financial and managerial abilities to provide its services in South Carolina. Young testified that the Company would operate in accordance with the Commission rules, regulations, guidelines, and Commission Orders. Finally, Young offered that approval of Corporate's application is in the public interest as Corporate's services will give South Carolina

customers a wider selection of high quality services from which to select. Young also discussed the Company's request for alternate regulation of its business service offerings.

After full consideration of the applicable law, the Company's Application, and the evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission hereby issues its findings of fact and conclusions of law:

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Corporate Calling Services, Inc. is organized as a privately held corporation under the laws of the State of Nevada and is authorized to do business as a foreign corporation in the State of South Carolina by the Secretary of State.
2. Corporate will operate as a non-facilities based reseller of interexchange services in South Carolina and wishes to provide its services in South Carolina.
3. Corporate has the experience, capability, and financial resources to provide the services as described in its Application.
4. Corporate's business service offerings should be regulated under alternative regulation.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Based on the above findings of fact, the Commission determines that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should be granted to Corporate to provide intrastate interLATA service and to originate and terminate toll traffic within the same LATA, as set forth herein, through the resale of intrastate Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS), Message Telecommunications Service (MTS),

Foreign Exchange Service, Private Line Service, or any other services authorized for resale by tariffs of carriers approved by the Commission.

2. The Commission adopts a rate design for Corporate for its residential resale services which includes only maximum rate levels for each tariff charge. A rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels has been previously adopted by the Commission. In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications Corporation, etc., Order No. 84-622, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (August 2, 1984).

3. Corporate shall not adjust its residential rates below the approved maximum level without notice to the Commission and to the public. Corporate shall file its proposed rate changes, publish its notice of such changes, and file affidavits of publication with the Commission two weeks prior to the effective date of the changes. However, the public notice requirement is waived, and therefore not required, for reductions below the maximum cap in instances which do not affect the general body of subscribers or do not constitute a general rate reduction. In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications, etc., Order No. 93-638, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (July 16, 1993). Any proposed increase in the maximum rate level reflected in the tariff which would be applicable to the general body of the Company's subscribers shall constitute a general ratemaking proceeding and will be treated in accordance with the notice and hearing provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-540 (Supp. 1996).

4. With respect to Corporate's business service offerings, the Commission adopts a relaxed regulatory scheme identical to that granted to AT&T Communications in

Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. Under this relaxed regulatory scheme, tariff filings for business services shall be presumed valid upon filing. The Commission will have seven (7) days in which to institute an investigation of any tariff filing. If the Commission institutes an investigation of a particular tariff filing within the seven days, the tariff filing will then be suspended until further Order of the Commission. Any relaxation in the future reporting requirements that may be adopted for AT&T shall apply to Corporate also.

5. If it has not already done so by the date of issuance of this Order, Corporate shall file its revised maximum tariff and an accompanying price list within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. The revised tariff shall be consistent with the findings of this Order and shall be consistent with the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

6. Corporate is subject to access charges pursuant to Commission Order No. 86-584, in which the Commission determined that for access purposes resellers should be treated similarly to facilities-based interexchange carriers.

7. With regard to the Company's resale of service, an end-user should be able to access another interexchange carrier if the end-user so desires.

8. Corporate shall resell the services of only those interexchange carriers or LECs authorized to do business in South Carolina by this Commission. If Corporate changes underlying carriers, it shall notify the Commission in writing.

9. With regard to the origination and termination of toll calls within the same LATA, Corporate shall comply with the terms of Order No. 93-462, Order Approving

Stipulation and Agreement, in Docket Nos. 92-182-C, 92-183-C, and 92-200-C (June 3, 1993).

10. Corporate shall file surveillance reports on a calendar or fiscal year basis with the Commission as required by Order No. 88-178 in Docket No. 87-483-C. The proper form for these reports is indicated on Attachment A.

11. The Company shall, in compliance with Commission regulations, designate and maintain an authorized utility representative who is prepared to discuss, on a regulatory level, customer relations (complaint) matters, engineering operations, tests and repairs. In addition, the Company shall provide to the Commission in writing the name of the authorized representative to be contacted in connection with general management duties as well as emergencies which occur during non-office hours.

Corporate shall file the names, addresses and telephone numbers of these representatives with the Commission within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Attachment B shall be utilized for the provision of this information to the Commission. Further, the Company shall promptly notify the Commission in writing if the representatives are replaced, and the Company is directed to comply with the Commission regulations unless waived by the Commission.

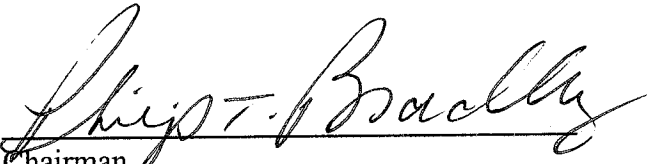
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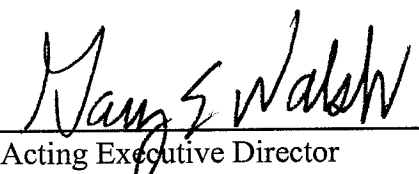
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12. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Acting Executive Director

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## ANNUAL INFORMATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS FOR INTEREXCHANGE COMPANIES AND AOS'S

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COMPANY NAME

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FEI NO.

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ADDRESS

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CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

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PHONE NUMBER

- (1) SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATING REVENUES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING  
DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING  
DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) RATE BASE INVESTMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS\* FOR  
12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING \_\_\_\_\_
- \* THIS WOULD INCLUDE GROSS PLANT, ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION,  
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES, CASH WORKING CAPITAL, CONSTRUCTION WORK IN  
PROGRESS, ACCUMULATED DEFERRED INCOME TAX, CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF  
CONSTRUCTION AND CUSTOMER DEPOSITS.
- (4) PARENT'S CAPITAL STRUCTURE\* AT DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
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- \* THIS WOULD INCLUDE ALL LONG TERM DEBT (NOT THE CURRENT PORTION  
PAYABLE), PREFERRED STOCK AND COMMON EQUITY.
- (5) PARENT'S EMBEDDED COST PERCENTAGE (%) FOR LONG TERM DEBT AND  
EMBEDDED COST PERCENTAGE (%) FOR PREFERRED STOCK AT YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) ALL DETAILS ON THE ALLOCATION METHOD USED TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT  
OF EXPENSES ALLOCATED TO SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS AS WELL AS  
METHOD OF ALLOCATION OF COMPANY'S RATE BASE INVESTMENT (SEE #3  
ABOVE).

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SIGNATURE

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NAME (PLEASE TYPE OF PRINT)

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TITLE



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ATTACHMENT B

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**INFORMATION OF THE AUTHORIZED UTILITY  
REPRESENTATIVES FOR INTEREXCHANGE, LOCAL  
AND AOS COMPANIES**

PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
REGULATION 103-612.2.4(b), each utility shall file and maintain with the Commission  
the name, title, address, and telephone number of the persons who should be contacted in  
connection with Customer Relations/Complaints.

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Company Name/DBA Name

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Business Address

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City, State, Zip Code

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Authorized Utility Representative (Please Print or Type)

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Telephone Number

Fax Number

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E-Mail Address

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Signature

If you have any questions, contact the Consumer Services Department at 803-737-5230